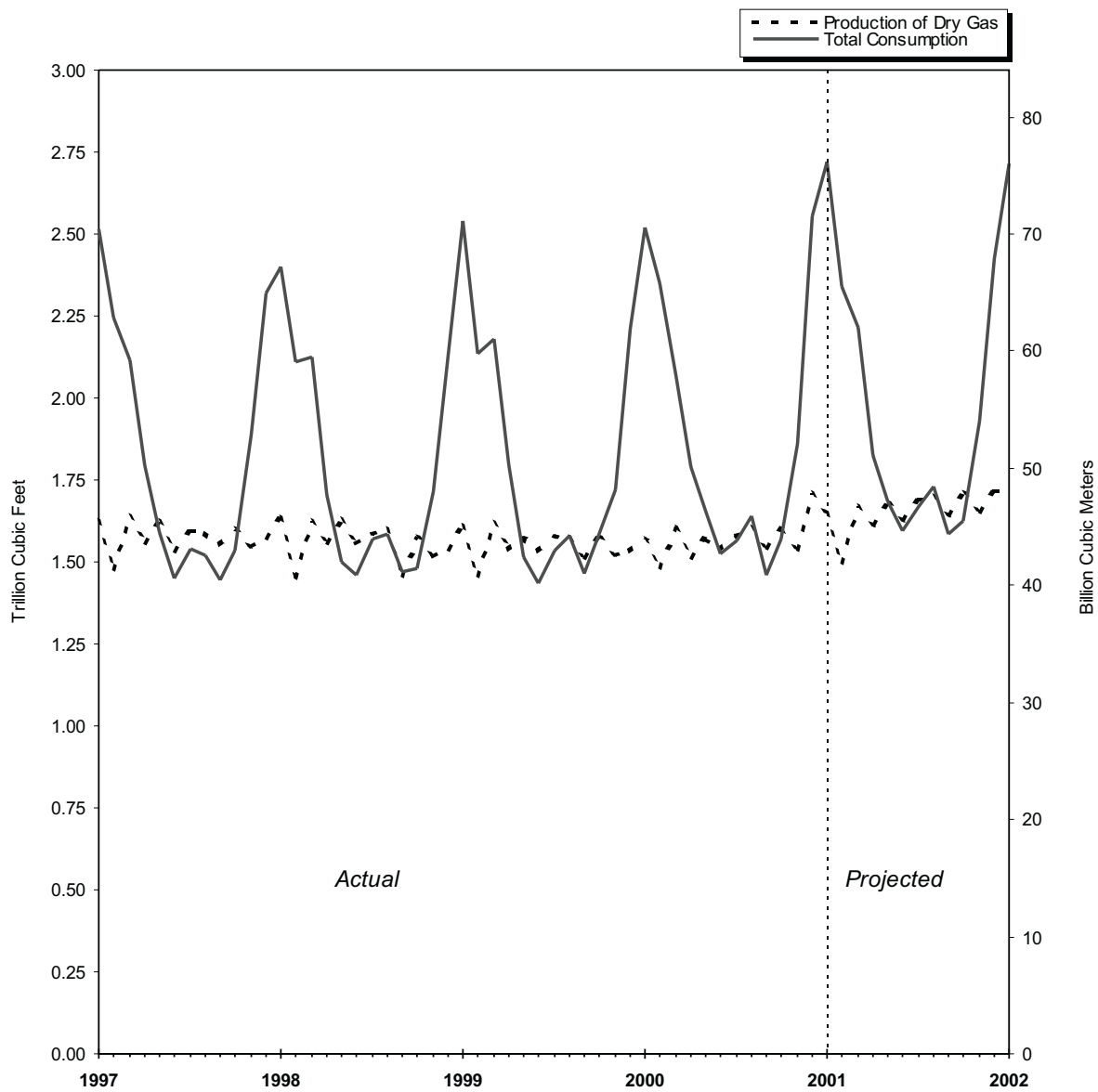


Figure 1. Production and Consumption of Natural Gas in the United States, 1997-2001



Sources: 1997 through the current month: Table 2. Projected data: Energy Information Administration, *Short-Term Energy Outlook*.